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FROM: J.D. Coleman
Sports Information
Montana University
Missoula, Montana

June 3, 1958

MISSOULA, Mont., June ____ Montana's spring sports season last Saturday ended as it began--on a dismal note. Rain-swept skies prevented the Grizzly baseball team from playing a final double-header with Montana State College, just as they did early in April at the outset of the season.

Although the golf team has one more match to play--a return engagement with the Bobcats Saturday in Butte--for all intents and purposes, the 1958 spring sports season is history.

Looking at the past season with an objective eye toward the won-lost columns, the season scarcely could be called successful. But, a glance at the material that was available to spring sports coaches at the outset, brings out the fact that Grizzly teams did very well indeed.

The track team, the thinnest in years, still captured two dual meets, a second in the western division meet, and fifth in the Conference meet. And only $4\frac{1}{2}$ points separated the second and fifth place teams in the Skyline meet.

Three all-time Montana University track and field records were set by Grizzly athletes this spring. Bill Anderson, junior half-miler, posted a non-winning time of 1:53.0 in the Western Division 880 to break his old mark of 1:54.4.

Hal Utsond, sophomore broad jump and javelin ace, jumped 23 feet, $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches, in a dual meet with Utah State to post a new University mark in that event.

Junior weight man Ken Wersland threw the shot 51 feet in the conference meet two weeks ago for a new Grizzly record.

That all are underclassmen points to a better track season next year for veteran coach Harry Adams. Adams also will have Mike Johnston, a stellar two-miler who sat out transfer eligibility requirements this spring.

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The tennis team, with three wins against four losses, had one of the most successful seasons a net squad ever enjoyed at Montana. The Grizzly netters defeated Washington State in a non-conference tilt and whipped Utah State twice. It was the first time since Montana entered the Skyline conference that the Silvertips have picked up two league tennis victories.

The golf squad, with one match remaining, own a 2-5 record. Grizzly wins were recorded over Utah University and Montana State College.

In baseball, the Grizzlies' curious inability to hit southpaw pitching was the chief factor in Montana's relatively poor showing in the Skyline western division. The Silvertip batsmen simply could not cope with the league's left-handers and the loop abounded with top southpaws this spring.

Over-all Montana posted a 9-12 record and, in conference play, a 3-9 mark. Conference wins were over Utah University twice and Utah State once. Non-conference victories came at the expense of Idaho, Washington State, Idaho State twice, and Montana State twice.

Chuck Bennett, slugging junior catcher, was named to the coaches All-Skyline first team. Roland Stoleson, senior righthanded pitcher, posted the second-best earned-run average in the western division and led the west-siders in strike-outs during regular season play. Stoleson unquestionably was one of the best right handers in the entire league this spring even though he received no formal recognition.

Jerry Daley, senior shortstop, signed a professional contract with the Washington Senators this week and, following graduation, will play with the Solons' class D Superior farm team.

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MONTANA UNIVERSITY FINAL BASEBALL STATISTICS

Name	Pos	G	AB	R	H	TB	2b	3b	HR	SB	SO	BB	RBI	Avg.	PO	A	E	PCT
Chuck Bennett	C	21	83	11	24	40	3	2	3	1	16	6	22	.289	156	22	7	.960
Don Johnson	2b	21	84	22	24	33	3	3	0	1	5	9	13	.286	42	29	3	.959
Gordie Hunt	cf	21	71	18	20	24	2	1	0	6	17	14	12	.282	29	2	3	.912
Jerry Daley	ss	21	72	17	20	28	3	1	1	8	8	20	16	.278	33	59	11	.900
Larry Myers	lf	21	79	17	22	31	4	1	1	7	8	14	15	.278	33	1	3	.919
Don Williamson	rf	17	55	13	15	22	1	0	2	7	10	11	15	.273	17	1	2	.900
Bill Redmond	3b	20	62	17	16	24	2	3	0	0	6	6	6	.258	15	36	12	.810
John Thomas	1b	18	58	9	11	12	1	0	0	0	10	13	5	.190	125	4	0	1.000
Bruce Montgomery	P	8	18	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	.333	1	9	1	.909
Charley Moore	P	6	11	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	.273	0	4	0	1.000
Roland Stoleson	P	9	28	5	7	7	0	0	0	1	4	4	4	.250	5	9	5	.737
Wilson Managhan	P	7	14	1	3	6	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	.214	2	8	4	.714
Glen McGivney	C	2	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	.200	4	1	1	.833
Bob Vogel	U	6	15	4	2	4	0	1	0	0	8	3	1	.143	17	1	2	.900
Duane Anderson	U	9	24	5	4	4	0	0	0	2	9	1	2	.167	16	7	0	1.000
Others	U	2	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	.111	12	3	3	.833
		21	690	149	180	248	20	12	8	34	111	119	120	.261	498	196	57	.924

PITCHING

Name	G	CG	W	L	Pct.	IP	R	H	ER	BB	SO	WP	ERA	2b	2b	HR
Roland Stoleson	8	4	4	2	.667	53	29	36	11	38	58	1	1.87	4	3	2
Bruce Montgomery	9	1	2	4	.333	46	1	37	17	31	34	2	3.30	9	1	0
Wilson Managhan	7	1	1	1	.500	37	1	37	21	15	39	4	5.06	6	4	2
Charlie Moore	8	1	2	3	.400	30	30	45	28	20	28	3	8.40	7	1	0
Doug LeBrun	2	0	0	1	.000	6	2	14	8	2	2	0	11.85	4	0	0
Milt Goodland	1	0	0	1	.000	0	2	3	3	1	0	0	34.00	2	0	0
TOTALS	21	7	9	12	.429	195	146	201	88	107	161	10		32	9	4

SEASON RESULTS

Opp.	Score	Opponent
0		Washington State
7		Idaho Univ.
16		Oregon State
10(H)		Gonzaga
14(H)		Gonzaga
4		Idaho State
3		Idaho State
5		*Utah State
9		*Utah State
3		*Brigham Young
14		*Brigham Young
8		*Utah Univ.
7		*Utah Univ.
11(H)		*Brigham Young
7(H)		*Brigham Young
4(H)		Montana State
2(H)		Montana State
8(H)		*Utah Univ.
2(H)		*Utah Univ.
11(H)		*Utah State
4(H)		*Utah State

Conference Games
Home Games

CONFERENCE RECORD

Won 3 Lost 9
shed fourth in Western
sion behind BYU, Utah,
Utah State.

SEASON RECORD

Won 9 Lost 12

return games with MSC were
ied out and canceled.

ck Bennett, junior catcher,
named to the Skyline
ches' All-Skyline first
n -- the only Grizzly to
accorded a post-season
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